

Amphetamines in Medications

A patient who is concerned that the medication administered or prescribed by his physician might contain amphetamines can most easily find out by directly asking the doctor.

The determination cannot be made solely on the basis of the shape and color of the pill or by the look of the material in a hypodermic needle. Neither can it be made by looking at a label because the several dozen drugs containing amphetamines can be obtained legally only through

a doctor's prescription and most pharmacists do not type the name of the drug on the label.

If an unusual situation arose in which a doctor refused to answer the patient's question about amphetamines, the patient could have the pills or vial analyzed in a commercial laboratory. Or, if the injections are administered in the doctor's offices, the patient could have his urine tested for the presence of amphetamines at a commercial laboratory soon after receiving the injection.

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